

Catawba County Emergency Medical Services

Cardiac Catheterization Stand-By

Catawba County EMS will provide coverage for Catawba Valley Regional Medical Center during cardiac catheterizations. This policy describes the process involved in receiving the request and dispatch of a unit.

- Upon receipt of a request for cardiac catheterization stand-by the Communications Center will dispatch 3-Medic-2. If 3-Medic-2 is not available, the next closest available unit will be dispatched.
- Upon the crews arrival at CVMC they will position the ambulance at the MRI entrance and the personnel will proceed to the cardiac catheterization lab control room.
- As a minimum, the following equipment will be taken to the control room:
 - LP 12 Cardiac Monitor
 - Stretcher
 - Portable Oxygen Tank
 - Extra tape for securing equipment
- Catheterization lab personnel will make the decision as to when transport is required.

Billing Information

- Stand-By Only – The crew will complete a patient care report as normal in emsCharts. “Cath Standby-CVMC” will be entered for the Outcome of call.
- Transport of the Patient – The crew will enter two separate patient care report in emsCharts. The first will be inclusive of the stand-by portion of the call and the second will start when the patient is loaded onto the stretcher for transport and will terminate when the receiving facility assumes care of the patient.
 - The Stand-By chart will be completed as defined above for stand-by only calls.
 - The Transport chart will be completed as for any treatment / transportation call and requires the inclusion of the patient’s demographic and billing information, etc.